

REMARKS

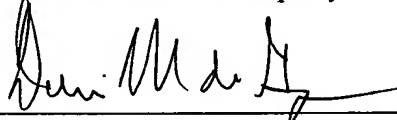
Enclosed herewith are the Certified English-language translations of the priority Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2002-307369 and 2003-005635, as well as the requisite signed statement by a translator conversant in the English and Japanese languages. As previously explained in the amendment of August 18, 2006, the two cited references of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0052194 ("Inoue et al. '194") and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0004932 ("Inoue et al. '932") do not qualify as prior art in view of these earlier priority Japanese applications by the present applicants. Accordingly, it is kindly requested that the grounds for rejection on the basis of Inoue '194 and Inoue '932, whether singly or in combination with other references, be withdrawn.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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